

15 May 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Director's Meeting with Senator Richard B. Russell re
Requests from Senators Symington and Proxmire**

1. The Director mentioned this morning his meeting yesterday with Senator Russell, whom he had called on primarily for guidance on how to handle Senator Symington's request for a list of Agency overseas bases. Senator Symington had made this request in his capacity as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittee on United States Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad. According to the Director, Senator Russell suggested that the draft list, which the Director showed the Senator, be pruned somewhat so as to include only our major installations. (This is now being done.) Subject to this, Senator Russell saw no objection to delivering this to Senator Symington.

2. The Director also mentioned to Senator Russell a request from Senator Proxmire, as Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee Subcommittee on Economy in Government, for the Director to appear before this Subcommittee to discuss and expand upon the Director's recent off-the-record comments to the Business Council at Hot Springs regarding the possibility that economic burdens may press the Soviets into a discussion of arms limitations. Senator Proxmire had particularly wanted the Director's views on the actual state of the Soviet economy. On this point, the Director said Senator Russell suggested the Director call on Senator Proxmire and discuss the matter with him informally, but emphasized that under no circumstances should the Director appear before the Subcommittee in open session.

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